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In re Application of :
Lee and Koo :
Application No. 09/898,699 : DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Filed: 2 July, 2001 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Attorney Docket No. 9898-176 :

This is in response to the communication titled "Applicant's Reply to Decision" filed by facsimile on 1 March, 2002 (certificate of mailing date 17 December, 2001), which is treated as a renewed under 37 CFR 1.47(a).¹

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioners have shown that the non-signing inventor cannot be found. Specifically, petitioners have shown that a copy of the application sent to the non-signing inventor's last known address was returned as undeliverable by the Korean Post Office. The declaration of facts by petitioners' registered patent counsel, Gregory Kavounas, establishes that despite attempts made to locate the non-signing inventor, the inventor could not be located.

This application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

¹A petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) is inappropriate in this instance since all but one of the inventors has signed the declaration. A petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) is only appropriate where none of the inventors will sign, accordingly the petition will be treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the Declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

After this decision is mailed, the above-identified application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 703-308-6918.



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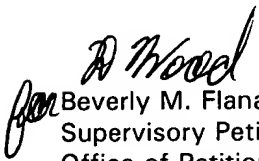
For: MEMORY DEVICE HAVING DEPTH COMPARE-WRITE FUNCTION AND METHOD FOR DEPTH
COMPARE-WRITE USED BY THE MEMORY DEVICE

Dear Mr. Koo:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Douglas I. Wood at 703/308-6918. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at 703/308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at 703/308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).


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